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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU SHOWING NEW CONFIDENCE

1. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, IT SEEMS TO US, HAS DISPLAYED RE-
CENTLY A GROWING CONFIDENCE IN HIS ABILITY TO HANDLE THE
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REINS OF GOVERNMENT AND TO MANAGE CYPRUS' AFFAIRS. HE AND
HIS NEW GOVERNMENT HAVE SETTLED INTO OFFICE WITH A
MINIMUM OF CONFUSION (AIDED BY A COMPETENT CIVIL SERVICE),
AND GIVE IMPRESSION OF BEING ABLE TO COPE. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY
APPARENT IN GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS IN BUILDING SUPPORT
BEHIND ITS POSITION ON TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS.
2. FROM ALL APPEARANCES, KYPRIANOU BELIEVED FROM THE

START THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S ASSURANCES THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD SUBMIT CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS FOR A SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS A DIS-GUISED EFFORT TO GET U.S. ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED. HE PROBABLY DETERMINED EARLY ON TO RESIST THIS EFFORT. TO THAT END, HE ADOPTED TACTIC OF INSISTING THAT MERE PROMISES AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS DID NOT CONSTITUTE PROGRESS ON CYPRUS AND WOULD NOT JUSTIFY LIFTING EMBARGO. IN DOING SO, HE INCURRED RISK OF APPEARING INTRANSIGENT AND THEREBY LOSING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION, ESPECIALLY IN U.S. CONGRESS. HE ALSO RISKED PLACING HIMSELF AT ODDS WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, WHO EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT RESUMPTION OF TALKS FOLLOWING THIS JANUARY MEETING WITH ECEVIT. FINALLY, HE RISKED ALIENATING DOMESTIC CIRCLES -- SOME REFUGEES AND MODERATE ELEMENTS ON RIGHT -- WHO FAVOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF TALKS AND A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. IN EARLY STAGES KYPRIANOU, APPARENTLY REALIZING RISKS HE WAS RUNNING, SHOWED SOME VACILLATION AND UNCERTAINTY AS TO COURSE HE SHOULD PURSUE.

3. HOWEVER, BY TIME TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WERE PRESENTED TO GOC BY WALDHEIM, KYPRIANOU WAS PREPARED TO MOVE DECISIVELY. AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE PUBLICLY REJECTED TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS, HE WAS FORCEFUL, ORGANIZED, AND EVEN A BIT THEATRICAL. HE SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING HIS DOMESTIC AUDIENCE, AS WELL

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AS MOST FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WE HAVE TALKED TO, THAT GOC WAS CORRECT IN REJECTING PROPOSALS. IN THIS HE WAS ABETTED, OF COURSE, BY MINIMAL NATURE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS. EVEN THOSE DOMESTIC CIRCLES WHICH FAVOR RESUMPTION TO TALKS CONCEDE NOW THAT KYPRIANOU WAS RIGHT ABOUT PROPOSALS.

4. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR KYPRIANOU'S NEWLY FOUND CONFIDENCE. HIS HEALTH SEEMS MUCH IMPROVED, AND HE WORKS LONG HOURS WITHOUT EVIDENT FATIGUE. HE HAS SURVIVED A NUMBER OF CRISES SINCE SUCCEEDING MAKARIOS. HE SHOWED HIMSELF TO ADVANTAGE IN RESOLVING KIDNAPPING OF HIS SON WHICH LEFT A RESERVOIR OF PUBLIC GOODWILL FOR THE PRESIDENT. EVEN LARNACA INCIDENT, FOR WHICH KYPRIANOU WAS INITIALLY CRITICIZED, IN RETROSPECT HAS REDOUNDED IN GREEK CYPRIOT OPINION MORE TO HIS CREDIT THAN HIS DETRIMENT. FINALLY, KYPRIANOU HAS WON FIVE YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT IN HIS OWN RIGHT AND HAS AROUND HIM SEVERAL OF HIS OWN APPOINTMENTS IN WHOM HE HAS TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

5. KYPRIANOU STILL FACES SERIOUS OBSTACLES OVER WHICH HE COULD STUMBLE BEFORE ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS A DECISIVE, STRONG PRESIDENT. HE MUST DEAL WITH THE

QUESTION OF WHETHER TO EXECUTE THE TWO ARAB TERRORISTS,
WHOSE FATE ULTIMATELY LIES WITH HIM. HE COULD LOSE THE
EMBARGO FIGHT, AND HE COULD BE OUTFLANKED BY ECEVIT
AND DENKTASH IN COMPETITION FOR WORLD OPINION. NEVER-
THELESS, HE APPEARS MORE IN CHARGE AND MORE CONFIDENT
IN HIS ABILITY THAN WE WOULD HAVE GUESSED SIX MONTHS
AGO. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER A STRONGER, MORE SECURE
KYPRIANOU WILL BE MORE INTRANSIGENT, OR WHETHER HE
WILL BE MORE WILLING TO COMPROMISE OUT OF CONFIDENCE.
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